

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A planar light source comprising:

a light guide plate made of a ~~platelike~~ plate-like, light-transmitting material formed with a light emitting surface on a top side thereof and a reflection surface on a bottom side thereof; and

an illuminating light source arranged opposite a light receiving side surface of the light guide plate;

wherein light coming from the illuminating light source into the light receiving side surface of the light guide plate is light-path-transformed by actions of the reflection surface and the light emitting surface of the light guide plate to emit a planar light flux from the light emitting surface;

wherein chamfered portions are provided at an upper end of the light receiving side surface where the light receiving side surface and the light emitting surface of the light guide plate intersect and at a lower end of the light receiving side surface where the light receiving side surface

and the reflection surface of the light guide plate intersect,
and

wherein the reflection surface of the light guide
plate includes a textured reflection surface and asymmetric
prisms, which are formed on the reflection surface.

2. (Currently Amended) A planar light source
comprising:

a light guide plate made of a ~~platelike~~ plate-like,
light-transmitting material formed with a light emitting
surface on a top side thereof and a reflection surface on a
bottom side thereof; and

an illuminating light source arranged opposite a
light receiving side surface of the light guide plate;

wherein light coming from the illuminating light
source into the light receiving side surface of the light
guide plate is light-path-transformed by actions of the
reflection surface and the light emitting surface of the light
guide plate to emit a planar light flux from the light
emitting surface;

wherein curved portions are provided at an upper end
of the light receiving side surface where the light receiving
side surface and the light emitting surface of the light guide
plate intersect and at a lower end of the light receiving side

surface where the light receiving side surface and the reflection surface of the light guide plate intersect, and wherein the reflection surface of the light guide plate includes a textured reflection surface and asymmetric prisms, which are formed on the reflection surface.

3. (Currently Amended) A planar light source comprising:

a light guide plate made of a ~~platelike~~ plate-like, light-transmitting material formed with a light emitting surface on a top side thereof and a reflection surface on a bottom side thereof; and

an illuminating light source arranged opposite a light receiving side surface of the light guide plate;

wherein light coming from the illuminating light source into the light receiving side surface of the light guide plate is light-path-transformed by actions of the reflection surface and the light emitting surface of the light guide plate to emit a planar light flux from the light emitting surface;

wherein a chamfered portion is provided either at an upper end of the light receiving side surface where the light receiving side surface and the light emitting surface of the light guide plate intersect or at a lower end of the light receiving side surface where the light receiving side surface

and the reflection surface of the light guide plate intersect,
and a curved portion is provided at the other end, and
wherein the reflection surface includes a textured
reflection surface and asymmetric prisms, which are formed on
the reflection surface.

4. (Currently Amended) A planar light source
according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein a member for
restricting a direction of light transmission ~~direction~~ is
arranged opposite the light emitting surface of the light
guide plate.

5. (Currently Amended) A planar light source
according to claim 4, wherein the member for restricting the
direction of light transmission ~~direction~~ is a prism sheet.

Claims 6 and 7 (Cancelled).

8. (New) A planar light source according to any
one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the textured reflection surface
is formed at an area near the light receiving side surface of
the light guide plate, and

wherein the asymmetric prisms are formed at an area
remote from the light receiving side surface of the light
guide plate.